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SUBJ: ENERGY: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 7

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REF: A) USNATO 634; B) STATE 230441

1. ACTING ECONOMIC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NOTED AT FEBRUARY 7 ECONADS MEETING NAC AGREEMENT FEBRUARY 6 THAT GOVERNMENTS EXAMINE ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS THE NEED AND SCOPE OF ANY FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF WORLD ENERGY CRISIS (REF A). HE THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE A WHILE TO SEE WHAT FUTURE ECONAD WORK MIGHT BE REQUIRED. FOR PRESENT, NAC SEEMED TO WANT ECONADS TO LOOK INTO USSR-EASTERN EUROPEAN SITUATION. HE ASKED COMMITTEE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT IT SHOULD DO IN THIS AREA. BELGIAN REP CALLED ATTENTION TO BELGIAN REFERENCE IN NAC TO DIFFERING REACTIONS BY NATO COUNTRIES IN OIL CRISIS DUE TO DIFFERING DEGREES OF DEPENDENCE ON ENERGY IMPORTS. BELGIAN REP THOUGHT ECONADS MIGHT DO SOMETHING ON THIS. FRENCH REP SUPPORTED HIM.

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2. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY APPROVED ECONAD WORK ON SOVIET ENERGY RESOURCES (REF B), BUT ECONADS DID NOT INCLUDE IT IN CURRENT WORK PROGRAM. CANADIAN SUGGESTION IN NAC FEB 6 WENT BEYOND SOVIET ENERGY RESOURCES TO INCLUDE USSR AND EAST

EUROPEAN NEED FOR MID-EAST OIL AND OIL TRADE WITHIN COMECON.
MISSION RECOMMENDS US APPROVAL OF ECONAD WORK ALONG THESE LINES.
HOWEVER, WE DOUBT THAT DIFFERING DEGREES OF ALLIED DEPENDENCE ON
ENERGY IMPORTS SHOULD BE SUBJECT OF A SPECIAL REPORT. WE THINK
THIS QUESTION MIGHT BEST BE HANDLED EITHER BY ANNEXING A TABLE
TO ECONAD REPORT C-M(74)9, OR HOLDING IT UNTIL SOME FUTURE NAC
DISCUSSION OF OVERALL ENERGY CRISIS. END COMMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE IN LIGHT OF ABOVE COMMENT.
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